

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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OF THE CORPORATION

For 1875.

TRUSTEES.

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JOHN T. BRADLEE, HENRY W. PICKERING,	}	" " " 1877.
EDWARD LAWRENCE, CHARLES F. CHOATE,	}	" " " 1878.
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ISRAEL M. SPELMAN, SAMUEL T. SNOW,	}	" " " 1880.
THOMAS M. BREWER, WILLIAM PERKINS,	}	" " " 1881.

PRESIDENT.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

TREASURER.

H. B. MACKINTOSH.

SECRETARY.

SAMUEL BATCHELDER, JR.

SUPERINTENDENT.

JAMES W. LOVERING.

F. C. CHILDS, *Clerk.*
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A. A. BARKER, *Supt. of Interments.*
C. MCARTHUR, *Foreman.*

GARDENER.

JOSEPH COLLINS.

Office of the Corporation,
16 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent,
AT THE CEMETERY.
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Orders for work on Lots, may be given at either Office, or sent by mail to SUPERINTENDENT, at the Cemetery.

REPORT.

THE receipts from sales of lots were in 1874, \$28,147.60; in 1875 they amounted to \$32,724.50, a gratifying increase for a year of general dullness.

Early in the past season the Trustees determined to meet the growing demand for lots laid out on the landscape lawn plan. With this view they took active measures to complete the improvements in the new part of the cemetery, which contains in all about sixteen acres, and is generally known as the Stone farm. The old fences were taken down and the old farm-house with its barns and sheds removed. A new house for the overseer, was erected on the Stone meadow lot, so called, on the opposite side of Coolidge avenue from Mount Auburn, and adjoining the Cambridge cemetery. A barn almost entirely new, only the frame and a portion of the sound material of the old barn being used in its construction, was also put up on the same lot with a convenient cellar for manure, and sheds for the storage of carts and utensils.

Two new fences were erected, one on the line of Coolidge avenue, the other on our south-westerly line, on the land of Joshua Stone. As the avenue, from being a lane, in some parts not over twenty-five feet wide, had in the Spring been widened to a uniform width of forty feet, and to a considerable extent regraded by the town of Watertown, thus making it a

principal street in that town; and as moreover this part of the cemetery is now by the development of Boston in the direction of the Brighton district, brought quite near to the improved avenues and drive ways of that city, the Trustees determined to erect here a permanent iron fence, with gateways for the entrance of carriages and foot passengers.

The new fence is of a different pattern from that on Mount Auburn street, being not so high, of a more durable character, and more suitable to the cheerful aspect of the garden and lawn part of the cemetery. The entrance consists of a central carriage-way twelve feet in width, with two side entrances for passengers, of five feet each. It is recessed back from the street, with curved approaches, and the gates are hung from handsome granite posts. Should the entrance on this side of the cemetery, from its contiguity to Boston, become as important as the present main entrance on Mount Auburn street, a more imposing gate-way can at some future day be erected.

On the south-westerly line, on the land of Stone, an unobtrusive but substantial wooden picket fence was put up.

Much grading and heavy work remains to be done to prepare this part of the cemetery for ornamental and burial purposes. Then, should the landscape lawn system be adopted on this whole territory, it will enable Mount Auburn to meet the present prevailing taste for grassy lawns, ornamented with flowers and shade trees; where the monuments are not obtrusive, the boundaries of the lots only marked by sunken posts; and where, from the absence of stone-work and iron fences, a general aspect of rural beauty, and quiet is the characteristic feature.

At the last annual meeting the following vote was offered by Mr. J. Story Fay, and adopted :

Voted. That the Trustees be requested to enquire into, and report to the Proprietors, as to the expediency of henceforward prohibiting all fences and curbing around lots, and in the grounds of Mt. Auburn, whether of iron, or of other material, excepting earth.

The Corporation have no power to make the proposed prohibition in the case of proprietors, who now hold deeds, authorizing them to enclose their lots with curbs and fences. With regard to future sales, the Trustees do not deem it expedient, at the present time, to forbid the erection of fences and curbs in the older part of the cemetery. Before taking any such decided course it seems to them best to await the result of the landscape lawn and garden system, now just inaugurated in the new part of our territory. If this prove to be a success, its most pleasing features will undoubtedly be voluntarily adopted, as far as practicable, in the older part of our grounds. In the meantime it is well to consider, that the differing tastes of proprietors should be respected. In Mount Auburn, intended as the repository of the dead of successive generations, we should expect to find, as we really do, tombs, monuments and graves, embodying the changing feelings and tastes of different periods. The present popular preference for the landscape lawn may in time give way to some other system. Meanwhile the Trustees have selected the new part of the cemetery, as the place for its development, that it also in the future may be represented.

Notwithstanding the expenditures made on the Stone farm section, the old cemetery has not been overlooked.

The improvement of the grounds near Fountain avenue and on the banks of Halcyon lake have been continued. Much has been done in this part of the cemetery, and many lots prepared for sale; and it is hoped that another year may complete the grading and rough work. It is in this part of the grounds, that the Trustees have concluded to meet the demand which has sprung up for lots of smaller area than three hundred square feet. A section between Althea and Clethra paths has been assigned for that purpose, and small lots are here prepared, and disposed of as fast as required.

These lots vary in size from one hundred and forty-two to two hundred square feet, and the cost of the lots, graded and finished, ranging from \$300 upwards, brings them within the means of persons desiring interment in Mount Auburn, and not requiring lots so large as three hundred square feet. These lots are laid out contiguous to each other, without intervening spaces, and are marked only by stone corner posts, sunk to the level of the grass sward. The whole therefore will present the appearance of one large lot, grassed, and ornamented with flowers, and will form a pleasant relief to the heavily curbed lots, which prevail in this vicinity.

During the past year an Interment ledger has been opened, containing a regular account with each lot, the interments being entered on the Dr. and the removals on the Cr. side. To prepare this ledger the record of interments from July 6, 1832, to the present time has been carefully examined, and regularly posted. Reference to it will now show the time of every interment, and aid in removing doubts, which have on some occasions arisen, and could only be settled by long and tedious investigation. Room has, also

been prepared in the same book for diagrams of the lots in connection with the entries, on a scale of three-sixteenths of an inch to a foot, showing the precise locality of each grave. All interments since the 1st of November, 1875, have been marked on these diagrams, and the practice will be continued in future. The Corporation have not the means of fixing the precise localities previous to that date without the aid of individual proprietors, and considerable expenditure for investigation and surveys. Should any proprietor, however, desire such a diagram for his lot, the Superintendent will have it prepared, making him a slight charge for the service rendered, but not in any case exceeding five dollars.

The Permanent Fund, increased by one-fifth the receipts of sales of lots \$6,043.27, and of income \$11,346.28, now amounts to \$195,763.49. During the present year it will reach the limit of the \$200,000.00, provided for in Article VII of the By-Laws. The Trustees do not deem this amount sufficient to attain the object originally proposed in the accumulation of the fund which, it will be remembered, was to defray all the expenses of the cemetery after the available lots had been disposed of, and the receipts from that source were cut off.

If we consider the expense of maintaining green-houses and ornamental plants, of fountains, drainage, and fences, of avenues and paths; and that these must all be proportionally increased as our whole territory is improved and disposed of, it does not seem safe to estimate that in the future a less sum than \$30,000 per annum will be sufficient. To furnish this sum yearly at six per cent. a further accumulation of

not less than \$300,000 is required. The Trustees have therefore passed the following orders for the increase of the Permanent Fund.

“It is ordered by the Trustees of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, that, after the Permanent Fund shall have reached the sum of \$200,000, as provided for in the 7th Article of the By-Laws, it shall be further increased until it shall reach the sum of \$500,000 in the following manner. The Treasurer of the Corporation, in the month of December of each year, after the year 1876, shall deposit with the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, in trust, in the same manner as has been provided by the 7th By-Law, for the investment of the Permanent Fund, a sum equal to one third part of the gross proceeds of the lots, parts of lots, and intermediate spaces between lots, which shall have been sold subsequently to the first day of December, in the year preceding, the interest of which sums so deposited shall annually, or oftener, be added to the capital for the purposes of accumulation, until the whole of the deposits made in pursuance of this order, with the accumulated interest thereon shall amount to \$300,000.

“The Trustees shall have the same powers to withdraw the principal of the additional fund hereby created, and reinvest the same, as can be exercised over the Permanent Fund, under the provisions of the 7th By-Law.

“And when the addition hereby provided for to said Permanent Fund shall have reached the amount of \$300,000, the income thereof may be withdrawn and appropriated by the Trustees, to the preservation and keeping in order of the Cemetery and its appurtenances, to the payment of salaries, and other necessary expenses of the Corporation. Provided that the Trustees may, if they see fit so to do, direct such further accumulation of said fund, by the addition of the

income thereof to the principal, to such amount as they may deem for the best interest of the Corporation.

"It is also ordered that in all deeds which shall hereafter be given to the purchasers of lots, parts of lots, or other parcels of land in the Cemetery, the following words shall be added to the covenant respecting the Permanent Fund; viz:—

"And the said Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn further covenant to and with _____, heirs and assigns, that the provisions, of an order passed by the Trustees of this Corporation on the twenty-eighth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, (which is made part of this covenant, as if herein repeated,) for the increase of a fund for the preservation of the Cemetery and its appurtenances, shall be forever kept, observed and performed by the said Corporation."

The amount received for endowments for perpetual care of lots is \$122,276.80, with a balance of income unexpended of \$18,053.72, making the total amount \$140,330.52.

The available assets for current expenses are \$9,261.73, exclusive of real estate owned by the corporation outside the limits of the cemetery.

During the past year, T. H. Safford, who has served this corporation for the last nineteen years, first as gate-keeper and subsequently as sexton or superintendent of interments, being incapacitated for duty by illness, has retired from our employ. The Trustees take this opportunity to express their appreciation of his long and faithful services.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN, *President.*

Boston, January, 1876.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn,
GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent, for the year ending December 31st, 1875.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of New Lots graded and bounded with Granite Posts.....	47
“ “ Old Lots improved by being graded and sodded.....	36
“ “ Old Lots bounded with Granite Posts.....	6
“ “ Lots enclosed with Granite	18
“ “ Lots furnished with Granite or Iron Numbers	71
“ “ Tombs built.....	1
“ “ Headstones erected	115
“ “ Monuments erected.....	27
“ “ Linear feet of Gutters repaved.....	30
“ “ Iron Fences removed.....	11
“ “ Hedges removed.....	9

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of Interments as per last Report.....	19,248
Number of Original Interments for year ending December 31st, 1875.....	555
“ “ Removals from other Cemeteries.....	97
Total number of Interments for the year.....	652
“ “ “ “ in Cemetery.....	19,900
Of the above there were Deposits in the Receiving Tomb...	33
“ “ “ “ Interments in Public Lots.....	32

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY, WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To Receiving Tomb Lot	4
“ Public Lots.....	7
“ Private Lots.....	76
Total removals within the Cemetery	87
“ “ from the Cemetery.....	40
Total number of Removals.....	127

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Mount Auburn, December 31st, 1875.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The TREASURER Reports the following Abstracts of RECEIPTS and
EXPENDITURES for the Forty-fourth year, 1875.*

Cash balance from preceding year.....		\$1,795.50
He has received from sundry parties :—		
For sale of Lots, and Graves in Public Lots.....	\$32,724.50	
“ Deeds and Transfers, etc.....	249.14	
“ Labor and Materials, as follows :—		
Interments and Brick Graves.....	7,969.67	
Wood, Apples, Hay, etc.....	39.74	
Rents.....	125.00	
Greenhouse sales.....	237.52	
Annual Care of Lots.....	16,604.16	
Filling, grading, sodding, and other improvements of Lots.....	20,080.90	
		\$78,030.63
From Income of Investments.....		320.25
“ Massachusetts Horticultural Society,—		
For one-quarter part of Expenditures, as follows :—		
Grading near Halcyon and Fountain Avenue...	384.75	
“ between Fountain and Line Avenues...	879.62	
“ Indian Ridge.....	956.81	
“ Ostrich Path.....	109.68	
“ Eagle, Swan, Circuit and Falcon Avenues and Land adjoining.....	5,306.06	
Expended on Receiving Tomb.....	350.51	
New Iron Fence on Stone Farm.....	10,562.12	
“ Wooden Fence “ West line.....	923.54	
One-quarter of.....	\$19,473.09	is 4,868.27
“ Notes Receivable.....	21,000.00	
“ Notes Payable (Loan on demand).....	10,000.00	
		114,219.15
		<u>\$116,014.65</u>

He has paid to Sundry parties—for Labor and Materials :—

Bricks.....	\$1,185.15	
Cart and Carriage Repairs, Horse-shoeing.....	374.64	
Coal for Engine, Chapel and Greenhouse.....	679.50	
Cutting Granite.....	182.57	
Carpentering.....	20.06	
Cesspools and Drains.....	3.24	
Drawbacks.....	510.00	
Engineering, Surveying and Copying Plans.....	1,120.14	
Freight and Carting.....	145.95	
Granite and Block Stone.....	1,088.36	
Granite Posts.....	905.91	
Grain, Meal and Hay.....	1,034.11	
Hardware.....	243.97	
Harness Repairs.....	149.67	
Iron and Steel.....	32.11	
Interment Department.....	28.71	
Lumber and Sawing.....	165.42	
Lead.....	143.57	
Lime and Cement.....	422.57	
Manure and Loam.....	2,665.89	
Marble and Marble Work.....	84.92	
Pay Roll.....	39,268.35	
Pots, Vases, Plants for Greenhouse and Cemetery, Birds.....	780.02	
Paints and Oils.....	213.51	
Repairs Engine-house, Engine and Pumps.....	101.74	
Repairs of Buildings.....	142.03	
Repairs of Greenhouses.....	701.41	
Sundry Expenses at Gate-office.....	43.49	
Slates and Flagging.....	1,823.09	
Smith Work.....	27.64	
Sods.....	2,901.00	
Sundries.....	250.14	
Tools.....	449.96	
Water Rates.....	83.50	
	<hr/>	\$57,972.34
To amount paid for Receiving Tomb.....	350.51	
“ “ “ Wooden Fence on Stone Farm.....	923.54	
“ “ “ New Iron Fence “ “.....	10,562.12	
“ “ “ House and Stable, on Stone Meadow.....	5,849.37	
	<hr/>	\$75,657.88

For Expenses—Salaries :—

J. W. Lovering, Superintendent.....	\$2,500.00	
H. B. Mackintosh, Treasurer.....	2,250.00	
Samuel Batchelder, Jr., Secretary.....	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	6,250.00
Rent, Heating, Lighting and Care of Office.....	\$942.03	
Taxes on Real Estate.....	884.55	
Printing, Binding, Stationery.....	905.40	
Postage Stamps and Government Envelopes.....	282.95	
Sundries.....	117.35	
Printing Report of Committee on By-Laws.....	470.68	
New Interment Register.....	328.47	
	<hr/>	3,931.43
To amount paid Mass. Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales.....	7,831.12	
“ “ Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., for Permanent Fund....	6,043.27	
“ “ Notes Receivable.....	14,000.00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	2,300.95	
	<hr/>	\$116,014.65

THE PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION CONSISTS OF

The Cemetery, which has cost to date.....	\$594,749.03
Statuary.....	17,588.58
Superintendent's House and Lot.....	6,892.91
Stone Meadow.....	4,065.75
Wyeth Estate, (Reception House).....	9,092.03
Greenhouses.....	6,897.97
Water Works.....	11,361.29
Receiving Tomb.....	11,999.94
House and Horse Stable on Stone Meadow.....	5,849.37
	<hr/> \$668,496.87

CASH ASSETS

Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$2,300.95
Bills for Labor and Material Uncollected.....	\$18,768.14
Less due sundry parties.....	\$4,623.35
" for Loan.....	10,000 00
	<hr/> 14,623.35
	4,144.79
Amount due for Lots sold and unpaid, net.....	2,815.99
	<hr/> 9,261.73

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., as per last Report.....	\$178,373.94
Income of same for 1875.....	11,346.28
Deposited in December, 1875.....	6,043.27
	<hr/> \$195,763.49

REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last Report.....	\$12,549.81
He has received :—	
For Endowments.....	19,371.00
" Income of Investments.....	7,293.80
" Boston and Lowell Railroad Stock.....	1,746.25
	<hr/> \$40,960.86
He has paid for said Account :—	
For care and Improvements of Lots.....	\$6,129.17
" Boston and Albany Railroad Bonds.....	10,275.00
" Interest accrued on Bonds.....	65.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	24,491.69
	<hr/> \$40,960 86

REPAIR FUND—PROPERTY.

Endowments received for perpetual repair of Lots.....	\$122,276.80
Income, Balance Unexpended.....	18,053.72
	<hr/> \$140,330.52
Invested as follows :—	
Notes Receivable, secured by Mortgage.....	\$31,000.00
30 Shares Atlas National Bank, cost.....	2,970.00
20 " Atlantic National Bank, cost.....	2,700.00
20 " Shawmut Bank, cost.....	2,430.00
20 " Boston and Albany Railroad, cost.....	1,721.25
20 " Fitchburg Railroad, cost.....	2,600.00
\$38,300 United States 5-20 Bonds.....	39,432.58
10,000 Boston and Albany Railroad Bonds.....	10,275.00
23,000 Boston City Bonds.....	22,710.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	24,491.69
	<hr/> \$140,330.52

ALSO. Deposit in Trust, with Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Company, Policy No. 3,594 for \$6,330, payable on the decease of certain parties, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for perpetual care of a certain Lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Boston, January 20th, 1876.

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-five, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The Certificates of Stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statement of his accounts.

In the General account, there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$2,300.95; and in the Fund for repairs, \$24,491.69.

JAMES L. LITTLE, }
T. QUINCY BROWNE, } *Committee on Finance.*

Boston, January 31, 1876.

